

April 26 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**\*Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 52:1-2) Pastor John**

Pastor: Have mercy on us, O God,

**People: And blot out our transgressions.**

Pastor: Wash away all our iniquity,

**People: And cleanse us from our sin.**

**\*Apostles Creed Cindy Mykrantz**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

On the third day, He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing of the Peace Cindy Mykrantz

**\*Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" No. 61**

**\*Prayer of Assurance Cindy Mykrantz**

Dear God, we ask you to protect us from the wickedness that persists in this world, and help us to be a shining light in the presence of darkness. May our words and our actions influence others to turn from their iniquities and pursue the goodness that comes through a relationship with you. In Your Mighty and Majestic Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

God of Abundant Grace, we have sinned in ways too numerous to count, but your sacrifice on the cross and resurrection from the tomb, canceled our culpability and erased our shame so that we may begin life anew.

Forgive us for our transgressions and give us the fortitude to sin no more. In Your Blessed Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Psalm 51:10-13 Pg. 598

Philippians 4:8-9 Pg. 1232 Cindy Mykrantz

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Pg. 1197 Pastor John

Galatians 5:16-18 Pg. 1222 Cindy Mykrantz

Romans 8:5-9 Pg. 1184 Pastor John

Response

Pastor: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word!

**People: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420**

**\*Anthem "Psalm of Praise" Chancel Choir**

Message "Spiritual Cleansing" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

**\*The Doxology**

**\*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John**

**\*Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" No. 430**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

*\*=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Laboring for the Lord

Oak Chapel has formed a group that provides service to others in the form of yardwork, household cleaning, and other types of half-day projects for both members of our church and those in our community. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Carla or C.J. Krichbaum.

### Looking Ahead

Our next trip to the Mission Barn in Pennsylvania will be Wednesday, May 20. We will once again be assisting the organization's efforts to build ramps, prepare hygiene kits, and fill buckets with supplies for those who have been victimized by natural disasters. If you would like to join us, please let Pam Domer or Beth Patton know. We depart at about 8 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m.

### Change the World

Our annual Lifeline Ministry mission project, when we pack thousands of meals, will take place on June 13. This project is made possible through monetary donations from the Oak Chapel congregation. Beginning in May, we'll be lighting a candle for each \$100 raised and hope to have 18 candles glowing brightly by June 13. Questions about the project can be addressed to Pam Domer, Cindy Henshaw, or Beth Patton.

### Expanding Our Pantry

Oak Chapel's food ministry had grown dramatically since it originated in 2020. Now, thanks to Blair, Cathy, Greg, Dick and others, we have a beautiful new structure that will also house our trash receptacle and other equipment. Thanks so much to those who constructed the unit and to the individual who covered the cost of materials. We are so very grateful!



**Praises and Prayers**

God of Grace and Compassion, we give you thanks and praise for your presence in our lives. As we come before you again today, we ask that you will hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers.

**Praises**

- \*For Tina Braucher, who is home from the hospital
- \*For the birth of Blair and Cathy Shallenberger’s great niece
- \*For Becky Schlund’s son, Danny, whose health has improved
- \*For Oak Chapel’s Labor for the Lord ministry
- \*For the power of prayer
- \*For the impact of music in our church
- \*For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- \*For a congregation that reaches out and helps others
- \*For the commitment of our prayer warriors
- \*For health and healing
- \*For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- \*For visitation by family and friends
- \*For safe passage for those who travel

**Prayers**

- \*For the family of Elsie Mykrantz who died recently
- \*For Ben Cranston who is on the USS Bush headed to the Middle East
- \*For a peaceful resolution to the war in Iran

**Liturgists Needed**

We are in need of liturgists for the months of June and July. Enrich your worship experience by reading Scripture and leading prayers. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please let Elizabeth or Pastor John know.

**Last Week’s Attendance:** .....50 in person....19 online  
**Last Week’s Offering:**..... \$2736

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

Sunday 4/26	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 4/27	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Elsie Mykrantz Memorial	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday 4/28	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/29	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 5/3	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 5/4	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art & Soul	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 5/5	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	All Daughters’ Fiesta	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5/6	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

**All Daughters Fiesta—May 5, 6:30 p.m.**

Please join us for an evening of fun and laughter as we celebrate the daughters of Oak Chapel. Since the event is on May 5, our theme is Cinco de Mayo which is a Mexican celebration. Wear your brightest colors and join the fiesta! There will be food, games, music, and laughter. Bring your Mom, bring your Daughter, a relative, a friend or neighbor.

**Mucha gente la pasa bien** (many people have a good time)

Please mark you attendance slip for your reservation.

**Keep the Calendar Clean!**

If you or your Team schedules or cancels a meeting, please notify the church office. This is easy if you include the office in your group emails. office@oakchapelumc.com

**Upcoming Worship Services**

May 3.....	Searching So Long
May 10.....	All I Need is a Miracle
May 17.....	What Goes Around Comes Around

# Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



**Today’s Message**

*“Spiritual Cleansing”*

**April 26, 2026**

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*Serving God and Community  
 through Love, Compassion,  
 Fellowship, and Caring*